

## **USEITI Outreach and Communications Subcommittee Meeting Summary for Monday, February 10, 2014**

### **Congressional Outreach**

- Neil Brown: Regarding the Senate Energy Committee: They want to have a Committee briefing. They request that we give the democratic side a few weeks to get set up, as they don't have a new staff director yet. We will need to include a few more people because of interest to hear from mining and oil and gas sectors as well as from the American Indian community.
- Danielle Brian: Try to do bi-partisan briefing if we can and have equal numbers from each sector represented.
- Veronica Slajer: The House Resources Committee briefing we have planned is small and bi-partisan which is great, but we will need to have a different strategy for the senate side.
- Danielle Brian and Laurie Sherman will communicate before the briefing on Thursday as Laurie Sherman and Veronica Slajer will be representing the CSOs. Paul Mussenden will circulate the last presentation used for the DOI briefing.

### **Other Items**

Report from the February 7, 2014, work group meeting regarding Subnational and Tribal Opt-in Plan: Greg Conrad is moving forward by himself with help from Marina Voskanian and the State of Wyoming to develop the components of the outreach plan. Veronica Slajer stated that Alaska is indicating they may be interested in being included. She visited an Alaskan official and he expressed a couple months ago that he wanted to make sure EITI isn't a federal over reach. Veronica explained this is all voluntary and that we are drafting an opt-in for States and suggested sitting down together and plotting out what this means. Veronica will schedule a meeting with him along with, Greg Conrad and others from the MSG on his next visit to DC.

### **Next Meeting**

No call next Monday, February 17, 2014, because of the holiday. The next meeting will be Monday, February 24, 2014.

### **Subcommittee Members in Attendance**

Danielle Brian, Project On Government Oversight  
Neil Brown, The Lugar Center  
Greg Conrad, Interstate Mining  
Marti Flacks, State Department  
Michael Flannigan, Peabody Energy  
Greg Gould, Interior Department  
Laurie Sherman, Transparency International-USA  
Veronica Slajer, North Star Group

**Invitees**

Anita Gonzales-Evans, Interior Department

Ryan Ellis, Interstate Mining

Pat Etchart, Interior Department

Jennifer Goldblatt, Interior Department

Paul Mussenden, Interior Department

Judy Wilson, Interior Department

**Staff**

Kim Oliver, Interior Department USEITI Secretariat